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Dear Js,

With all the things I can't get to, all the waste of my time of which I've recently sent you part of one protest (I added a postscript even more pointed when the day passed with no callback), I am trying to help two mentally-ill women, one local, and distant, of whom I've written. In her case I have decided she is ill and on the occasion of her last call switched her to my friend who is expert in such matter, something that would have been impossible if she suspected that I now think she is sick-and that field is her specialty. Today's Post carries the LATimes Shaw story on "The New Theraphy" I presume you've seen. I got so far into it and a blinding, flashing, glittering realization came to me, why her former shrink is telling me to see her instead of him:I've been practising "the new theraphy" with her without knowing there was any such thing! So, I've called her, she is supposed to be coming over for a chat (she avoids all possible contact with people, esp. men, on whom she is hung up) and a walk among the beautiful spring flowers, of which she is to make her choice so that when she returns from work tonight she will have some color and beauty in her apt. I'll not be surprised if she doesn't come, but until the time of her scheduled arrival, there is no time for work. This, as the other, is a tragic case. Both are people who are more than just humans, people of special gifts. This one, trained as a school teach, paints beautifully or depressingly, depending upon her mood. She was surprised when I looked at some of her work and told her she was then contemplating suicide. It was correct. He earlier works soars with spirit and grace.

Most of the clips from today's papers-all but ITT-I don't want returned. They are to give you the Post treatment of the new bombing. I'm not persuaded that the editorial and Zorza (I just began him while a tire was being fixed) are correct. There is such an involvement, and I addressed it differently yesterday. They just don't understand the new old new Neixon and his nonfrontation with problems. Or his submissiveness to the military. Or his inability to depend upon himself.

Last night NET broadcast all three hours of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing with Rogers. I didn't tape it because if you want it it is easier to get it from the Committee or the GPO. It was more of a disappointment that I'd expected, and I finally dozed off, before the part that followed each and every one of the "liberal" Republicans making a speech rather than asking questions and none of the "liberal" anti-war Democracts even beginning to get into the meat of Rogers position, the administrations. And this seems to be the best we can expect. Today Laird and they announced that will be broadcast tonight, so we plan to look and listen. They may go after Laird more because he is military, enjoys less personal popularity, and is milotary.

As you will realize, I have siezed upon several thtings to precipitate a crisis with the Rays. I think Stoner has made all the mistakes I can depend on his making, I have patiently awaited these, and if this doesn't do the job, it will be as I told Jerry, I have too many other things to do to fritter away time. Thus the elngth of the blast. But if the charp disagreement between what Stoner wrote me and told him doesn't shake him, he can't be shaken. Meanwhile, he is ot be my transportation, if I get my terms and go to the TV show in StL., for some five hours from there to Leavenworth (where I hope to get more good use of the TC40, powers-that-be willing). Not an encouraging situation for isolated driving. If I can make the arrangements I want, I'll fly from KC to Knoxville, not have him drive me, which he has offered. By the time he sticks me with his motel bill, it will not only save most of two days but will also cost no more. This, of course, will be dependant upon the defense paying the costs...James is in the hole again, and again, as soon as it happened he wrote me to tell me and his version of why, his refusal to make the fourth move of his quarters demanded of him since his last emergence from the hole. Charge is refusing to accept and follow a proper order. If his versions are correct, they are really trying to break him. He says other pressures are on. Coinciding with this I get from other in-jail and never-met sources a credible case that the FBI is quietly but persistently putting away everyone who ever knew James. One says to his bitter regret-and displays a knowledge of some aspects of the case that fascinate. On the 7th John wrote me that he would daily send me a personal account of his knowledge beginning, fascinatingly enough, with the day of James' escape from Jeff. City. Not one has reached me, so I wrote him yesterday. Best,,HW